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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to fully steady in the West, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to moderate with interest being focused on other meat items as the Easter holiday nears. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but overall at least sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to well cleared with boneless skinless and tenders in the best positions. Wings were adequate to more available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 77.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.75 cents last year on March 29, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	204.00
BREASTS - B/S	162.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.50
WINGS	135.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate at best with strongest movement for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Breast items were balanced to close with tenders and boneless skinless in the best position. Wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily, and dark meat was overall available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to instances moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of heavier sizes ranged adequate to available; other sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were well cleared. The balance of items was about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings of whole birds remained limited, but adequate for the light trade call. Fill-in on 3 up wogs was noted into the Ohio area at 76 cents. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to light, occasionally moderate on promotional activities. Buyers and operators were focusing on other traditional Easter holiday items. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights were desirable. Offerings of parts were light with a few more wings and bone-in breasts offered over prior trade period. The market tone was mostly steady with a firm undertone on breast items and dark meat and wings steady to weak.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were about steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate to cover immediate needs. Buying activity was light with buyers' interest only fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate best for parts. Floor stocks were in fairly good balance. The market tone was generally steady on parts with white meat in the strongest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 24, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 24, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 24, 2007 were 2.07 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 03/24/07	2007	2006
EGGS SET	215,412	211,053
CHICKS PLACED	175,472	176,996

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-May-07 is estimated at 160.8 million head. This compares to 160.4 million head the previous week and to 166.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 57.86 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					WTD	POUNDS					WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	625	145.00-220.00	-	153.85		BREAST - B/S	565	149.00-225.00	154-159	159.04	
TENDERLOINS	189	172.00-235.00	-	185.30		TENDERLOINS	141	174.00-235.00	179-185	182.24	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT					BREAST - LINE RUN	122	100.00-115.00	105-109	105.58	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	208	55.00-62.00	56-57	56.23		LEGS	185	55.00-63.00	57	57.38	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	490	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.61		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	519	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.63	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	629	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.62		LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	669	39.00-45.00	41-42	41.73	
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	110.00-132.00	122-126	123.97		WINGS (WHOLE)	295	113.00-135.00	123-127	125.27	
WINGS (CUT)	275	131.00-151.00	132-137	136.24		WINGS (CUT)	280	135.00-151.00	136-139	139.45	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					— F.O.B. DOCK.						
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE		
		66.75 - 70.50	67.97					68.57	68.04		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was moderate to at least moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were in good balance to well cleared; bone-in breast, wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts and tenders; steady to at least steady on the balance of items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	154.19	844,857
TENDERLOINS	180	175.49	228,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	107.42	69,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.78	64,800
LEGS	56-57	56.29	328,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.31	360,360
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	54.06	86,400
THIGHS	51-52	56.96	87,840
B/S THIGHS	110-111	108.33	93,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	120.34	274,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.87	17,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.21	10,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.63	27,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	153.12	632,861
TENDERLOINS	180-185	177.54	99,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	104.10	84,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.44	70,200
LEGS	56-57	56.76	182,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	37.78	270,520
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.83	60,520
THIGHS	51-52	53.50	56,360
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.70	59,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	127.63	155,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.67	32,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.51	7,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.25	20,440

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS
	(1,000)	03/27	(1,000)	03/26	03/26	03/22	(1,000)	03/21	03/19
Alabama	3,775	3,854	3,904	3,418	5.51	5.58	3,551	5.52	
Arkansas	5,129	5,142	5,033	4,967	5.32	5.09	5,172	5.33	
Delmarva	1,976	2,024	2,200	2,186	5.78	5.68	2,210	5.89	
KY-LA-TN	2,323	2,358	2,298	2,611	5.09	4.95	2,226	5.27	
Mississippi	2,768	3,041	3,048	2,978	5.60	5.34	3,038	5.53	
N Carolina	2,722	2,468	2,589	2,849	6.92	6.96	2,485	6.84	
Texas	2,454	2,452	1,922	2,107	5.22	4.99	2,349	5.25	
Total	21,147	21,339	20,994	21,116	5.61	5.49	21,031	5.61	
Mon-Wed	64,399(A)						63,511(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Mar-07 is estimated to be 31,638,000 head up 0.25 percent from a week ago and down -0.41 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,559,000, last year 31,768,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/31/07 (1)	03/24/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	160,388 (2)	158,617
Light hens	1,257	1,336
Heavy hens	1,442	1,369
Total	163,087	161,322

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Mar-07 is 161.1 million head compared to 163.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Apr-07 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/26/07	72,535	51,763
AM 03/01/07	69,187	54,570
CHG	3,348	-2,807
PCT CHG	5	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/26/07	03/19/07	03/27/06	03/26/07	03/19/07	03/27/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,079	2,202	1,492	5,846	6,543	7,130
LOS						
ANGELES	100	112	70	1,579	1,748	3,491

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 03/27/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.45	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	4.00	5.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	5.00	12.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.70	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.60	2.15	1.87	RABBITS ea.	-	6.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	8.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	97					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 23, 2007

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	59.77	148.39	74.19	12.37 8.24 61.83
High	66.77	152.51	78.32	20.61 12.37 61.83
Mostly	66.77	148.39	74.19	16.49 8.24 61.83
SAN JUAN				
Low	60.18	148.39	70.07	12.37 8.24 59.77
High	66.77	156.63	78.32	16.49 12.37 59.77
Mostly	66.77	152.51	70.07	16.49 8.24 59.77
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	60.59	152.51	70.07	16.49 12.37 63.89
High	67.19	160.75	82.44	20.61 16.49 63.89
Mostly	67.19	156.63	78.32	16.49 12.37 63.89
BECERRA				
Low	61.83	148.39	78.32	12.37 12.37 65.95
High	67.60	156.63	82.44	20.61 16.49 65.95
Mostly	67.60	152.51	78.32	16.49 12.37 65.95

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for full trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 76 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items and tenders were balanced to negotiable. Dark meat items were generally sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	67-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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